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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN-LASER STATION CONSULTANT

1. SMITHSONIAN INFORMED BY FRENCH SOURCE THAT PROFESSOR GEORGE VEIS, CHAIRMAN OF GEOPHYSICS DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ATHENS, WAS ARRESTED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND.

2. PROFESSOR VEIS HAS BEEN CONSULTANT TO SMITHSONIAN'S BAKER-NUNN LASER STATION (DIONYSOS/ATHENS) FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, BUT WAS NOT BELIEVED POLITICALLY ACTIVE. HOWEVER, HIS FORMER WIFE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED UNDER PREVIOUS REGIME AND DIVORCED BY VEIS WHILE SHE STILL IN PRISON.

3. SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO CHARGES AGAINST VEIS AND STATUS HIS CASE IN VIEW HIS CLOSE INVOLVEMENT WITH SMITHSONIAN FACILITY. KISSINGER

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